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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY MUZOREWA DELEGATION DECEMBER 7: BEGIN TEXT

PRESS RELEASE NO. 7
AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNTIL - ZIMBABWE

REV. BANANA IS WELL KNOWN AS A POLITICAL PROSTITUTE. WHEN NKOMO BROKE AWAY FROM THE ANC, BANANA SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHICH PARTY TO SUPPORT BUT LATER JOINED THE ANC. AT ONE POINT THEREAFTER, BANANA RESIGNED FROM THE ANC ON THE FLIMSY GROUNDS THAT HE HAD BEEN DISTRESSED BY THE TOTAL NATIONALIST LEADERSHIP OF ZIMBABWE. HE DID THIS BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BE RE-INSTALLED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ANC.

WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT THE MASSES OF ZIMBABWE WERE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO HIS AMBITIOUS MANOEUVRES HE SOMERSAULTED AND DECIDED TO JOIN THE ANC AGAIN. THE ANC DECIDED TO RECEIVE HIM BACK BECAUSE OF ITS DECLARED POLICY TO UNITE ALL THE PEOPLE
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OF ZIMBABWE. IT WAS SELF EVIDENT OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS

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THAT REV. BANANA WAS AGAIN, IN CONFORMITY WITH HIS CHARACTER OF WAVERING, LOOKING FOR A NEW POLITICAL PASTURE. THIS IS NO SECRET TO OUR VARIOUS PROVINCES, DISTRICTS AND BRANCHES AT HOME. IN FACT WE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED FROM THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE PARTY MESSAGES DEMANDING THAT HE BE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM THE ORGANISATION BECAUSE OF HIS ANTI-PARTY ACTIVITIES AND GRASS-HOPPER TENDENCIES. IT IS THEREFORE NO SURPRISE THAT REV. BANANA HAS DECIDED TO BEHAVE IN CONFORMITY WITH HIS CHARACTER. HIS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLES' POPULAR MOVEMENT ARE LUDICROUS TO SAY THE LEAST AND DO NOT DESERVE ANY COMMENT.

AS FAR AS MAKOMBE IS CONCERNED, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARTY DR. CHAVUNDUKA HAD SUSPENDED HIM BECAUSE HE WAS A SECURITY RISK TO THE PARTY.

A.T. MUZOREWA
PRESIDENT, AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL - ZIMBABWE
GENEVA, 7 DECEMBER 1976 END TEXT

2. REV. CANAAN BANANA, FORMER ANC VICE PRESIDENT, CAME TO GENEVA WITH MUZOREWA'S DELEGATION BUT LEFT THREE WEEKS AGO TO RETURN TO SALISBURY. ACCORDING TO ANC INFORMATION SECRETARY REV. MAX CHIGWIDA, BANANA HAS SINCE SOUGHT TO JOIN MUGABE'S CAMP. PRESS RELEASE PROMPTED BY STATEMENTS BANANA HAS MADE TO PRESS CRITICIZING MUZOREWA'S LEADERSHIP AND PRAISING MUGABE ANDZANU. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON MAKOMBE.CATTO

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